



Natural Resources Conservation Service
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SUBJECT: EOP – NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF PROFESSIONAL BLACK NATURAL RESOURCES
CONSERVATION SERVICE (NOPBNRCSE) EMPLOYEES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ACTION REQUIRED BY: OCTOBER 17, 2008

PURPOSE. To provide information and authorize attendance at the NOPBNRCSE Annual Conference.

EXPIRATION DATE. September 30, 2010

The 2008 National Organization of Professional Black NRCS Employees (NOPBNRCSE) will host its 16th Annual Training Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, December 8-12, 2008. This year's theme is "Conservation as a Public Policy: One Purpose, One Passion – Sustaining Our Natural Resources." The conference will be held at the Hilton Atlanta, 255 Courtland Street, Northeast, Atlanta. Reservation can be made anytime by calling (404) 659-2000 with the block of rooms is reserved under NOPBNRCSE. The rate will be \$99 until November 25, after this date the rate will increase. All participants will be responsible for making their individual hotel reservations.

The NRCS encourages attendance and participation by employees in career related professional organizations that enhance career development and professionalism. The NOPBNRCSE is conducting the training conference to enhance the awareness and improve the level of education and professional development of employees.

The following attendance categories may be considered for approval by their supervisor on "government time and expense:"

- Presenting a topical paper or an agenda fulfillment
- Regional Chapter Officers and Executive Board Member
- Chairperson/Member of the National or Regional Committee/Task Force
- State/Regional Representatives
- Member of Chief's staff
- Those receiving an award, citation, or commendation
- Training/people who receive training

Other employees may request to attend the training conference in the "government time only" category basis if none of the above criteria is satisfied and the employee is a paid member of The Organization. If your supervisor approves, please provide the request to Shelly DuBay by October 17.

/s/Martin W. Adkins, Acting
Richard Sims
State Conservationist

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